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## BLOEMFONTEIN UNDER THE BRITISH FLAG

**Roberts Announces Entry of His Troops and Surrender of Keys of Office by Public Officials—Orange Free State a Thing of the Past.**

LONDON, March 14.—The following is the text of Lord Roberts' despatch to the War Office announcing his occupation of Bloemfontein:

BLOEMFONTEIN, Tuesday, March 13, 9 p. m.—By the help of God and by the bravery of Her Majesty's Soldiers, the troops under my command have taken possession of Bloemfontein. The British flag now flies over the Presidency, evacuated last evening by Mr. Steyn, late President. Orange Free State.

Mr. Fraser member of the late executive Government, the Mayor and Secretary of the late government, the landrost and other officials met me two miles from the town, and presented me with the keys of public offices.

The enemy have withdrawn from the neighborhood and all seem quiet.

The inhabitants of Bloemfontein give the troops a cordial welcome.

The above despatch, though dated Tuesday, was not received at the war office until 7.30 p. m. Wednesday. It was made public a few minutes after 9 o'clock. The delay is attributed to the field telegraphs not being connected with Bloemfontein on Tuesday evening. Extra papers are already out on the streets and the night crowds of London are singing patriotic songs and engaging in demonstrations.

## French Had The Honor

His Summons to Surrender Brought the Officials From Bloemfontein.

Roberts Received Tremendous Ovation on Making the State Entry.

How the Great News Was Received in London—A Significant Phrase.

London, March 15.—A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Bloemfontein, dated Tuesday evening, says:

"Bloemfontein surrendered at 19 to-day. It was occupied at noon. President Steyn with a majority of the fighting burghers has fled northward."

"Gen. French was within five miles of the place Monday afternoon. He sent a summons into the town threatening to bombard unless it surrendered by 4 a. m. Tuesday. A white flag was hoisted Tuesday morning, and a deputation of the town council, with Mayor Kellner, came out to meet Lord Roberts at Spitzkop, five miles south of the town, making a formal surrender of the place."

"Lord Roberts made a state entry at noon. He received a tremendous ovation. After visiting the public buildings he went to the town official residence of the President, followed by a cheering crowd, who waved a British flag and sang the British national anthem. They were in a condition of frenzied excitement."

"On Monday afternoon, previous to the surrender, there had been a little sniping and shelling, but the enemy retired."

"Lord Roberts has his headquarters at the President's house, and there are many of the British wounded in the building."

"The railway is not injured."

JOY AT THE CAPE.

Capetown, March 14.—A great popular demonstration took place here on receipt of the news that Bloemfontein had been occupied by the British. All the church bells were rung, and a procession headed by the Union Jack went to Government House, where Sir Alfred Milner made his acknowledgments. The demonstrators sang "God Save the Queen" and then paraded through the principal streets, cheering and singing patriotic songs.

THE NEWS IN LONDON.

London, March 15.—Lord Roberts' despatch caused a feeling of great relief. The absence of the news eagerly looked for had provoked some apprehension during the earlier part of the day that the British had met with a check before Bloemfontein, and anxious inquiries were made at the war office and in the lobbies of parliament. On the receipt of the news the Queen at Windsor Castle, the Prince of Wales at Marlborough, Lord Wolseley and others were immediately notified; but at 9 o'clock the war office was deserted, the public having given up hope of further news until this (Thursday) morning.

The appearance of the newspapers with the tidings caused great excitement along Pall Mall and at the service clubs, and in the West End generally. Owing to the late hour, however, there were no demonstrations approaching in the remotest degree those which heralded the surrender of Gen. Cronje and the relief of Ladysmith.

It so happened that a torchlight procession organized on an extensive scale for the widows and orphans of the war, was parading South London with bands and banners. This included a body of uniformed men representing the British field forces, the surrender of Cronje and other inspiring incidents. Throughout the route was hung with flags, and stands were erected at numerous points for spectators. Naturally the appearance of the extra editions of the evening papers created a furor of excitement among the paraders, who also greeted the news with cheers and the singing of the national anthem.

At Windsor the news was received with much joy. The Queen commanded

that it be immediately published, and she instructed her querry at the dinner table to send a note to the officers of the household brigade. The battalion was called on parade at 10.15 p. m. Major St. John read Her Majesty's note, and called for cheers for the Queen and Lord Roberts. The band played "God Save the Queen."

Wherever Lord Roberts' despatch was read his reference to the "late" President Steyn and the "late" executive was immediately fastened upon as highly significant.

The Lord Mayor announced the news to a banquet to the Masters of the City Companies, which was in progress at the Mansion House. It was received with great cheering, the company rising and singing "God Save the Queen."

The evening papers in Liverpool, Manchester and Glasgow published special editions, causing joyful demonstrations in those cities.

Boers Making Another Stand

Kruger Says They Will Fight Till Death to Keep British From Pretoria.

Discovered in Strong Positions Along Passes From Natal to Free State.

Ladysmith, March 14.—The Boers have been located in several strong positions near the junction of the Drakensburg and the Biggarsberg ranges. They have heavy guns in position on Pongweni Kop, at Hlatikulu and in the Impati mountains, as well as at Gibson's Farm, near Cundycough Pass.

Gen. Hunter now commands the division. Both men and horses of the relief column are completely recovered and are now in the pink of condition. The reconstruction of the railway from Ladysmith to Dundee is progressing rapidly.

New York, March 14.—The Evening Journal prints the following cablegram from President Kruger:

Pretoria, March 13.—(8 p. m.)—Via Berlin, March 14.—(10 a. m.)—The burghers will only cease fighting with death.

"Our forces are returning in good order to our first line of defence on our own soil. The Natal campaign was longer in our favor than expected."

"The British will never reach Pretoria. The burghers, Steyn, Joubert and myself, as well as all the others, are united. There are no differences. God help us. (Signed) Kruger."

ROBERTS' NEXT MOVE.

May Pay Attention to Boers Driven From Cape Colony Before Proceeding to Pretoria.

London, March 14.—Mr. Spencer Wilkinson in the Morning Post says: "It is not impossible that a railway is being made from Modder river or Kimberley to Bloemfontein. In any case, after a pause to complete the re-organization of his communications, Lord Roberts will move his troops southward on the restored railway line, to meet the British generals advancing from the Orange river. The occupation of Bloemfontein will precipitate the retreat of the Boer forces from the Orange river districts."

"The Free State forces are evidently well beaten, and small blame to them. The outside estimates of their numbers before the war was 20,000, of whom a few thousand are on the Orange river and within the Natal passes."

"They will be unable by themselves to fight another pitched battle, but they may furnish another respectable contingent to the Transvaal, unless as seems likely, they desert to the farms."

EMISSARIES OR EXILES.

Lorenzo, Marques, March 13.—Mr. Fischer, the Orange Free State secretary, and Mr. Wolmarans, of the Transvaal executive council, sailed for Europe to-day by the German steamer Kaiser. Sir William MacCormac, on his way from Capetown to England, is a passenger on the same steamer.

## Wolcott A Wreck.

Driven on Rock and Narrowly Escapes Foundering With All Hands.

Passengers and Crew Spend Three Terrible Nights Exposed on Glacier.

Finally Made Their Way to Uyak Cannery and Thence to Seattle.

Special to the Colonist.

Seattle, March 14.—The fears of disaster to the Pacific Steam Whaling Co.'s steamer Wolcott, of San Francisco, have been realized. In a terrible gale on the night of January 31 she was driven on a sharp rock in Shelikof strait, half way between Karluk and Uyak. Water poured in rapidly and great waves broke over her.

To save the passengers' lives and prevent the ship sinking, Capt. S. P. Snow ordered the Wolcott beached. This was successfully accomplished, and then the passengers were landed in small boats. Although it was a terrible task and the boats were lost to view in the high seas time and again, all were finally got safely ashore. So high were the waves running that it was necessary to seek shelter on a glacier near by.

Volunteers went back to the fast breaking up Wolcott and secured water-soaked food and some blankets. The terrible storm kept up, and the passengers were huddled on the beach the shipwrecked party shivered and prayed for help.

Two days and three nights they were held in this position before the storm abated and they were enabled to take to their boats and work their way eight miles to Uyak, where there is a cannery. There they were cared for until February 27, when the steamer Excelsior picked them up and brought them to Seattle.

The passengers were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mayon, of San Francisco; B. S. Benjamin, of San Francisco; L. L. Bowers, John Wild, James Toomey and Trafine Lukaren, all of Unga, Alaska. The officers and crew numbered about twelve. They are given credit for great bravery.

THE BOER FATE ADMITTED.

No Thought of Intervention Harbored at European Capitals.

Berlin, March 14.—The weekly reviewer of the Kreuz Zeitung, who is a well-known professor and entertains close relations with Count von Buelow, says to-day that Emperor Nicholas, at the beginning of the war in South Africa, gave a formal pledge that Russia would not take advantage of England's complications for a further Asiatic advance. The Kreuz Zeitung declares that this statement is authentic.

In political circles here no surprise was felt at Lord Salisbury's reply to the Kruger-Steyn proposals. Doubtless such an answer was expected. Nor was it believed in the same circles that the war will last much longer.

A leading foreign office official said to-day that there would be no further talk about intervention. The papers this evening generally express sympathy with the fate of the Boers, but take it for granted that the contest will soon be over.

BOOTY FROM BOSHOF.

Methuen's Force Secured Guns and Much Ammunition on Occupying the Town.

Capetown, March 14.—The British troops under Lord Methuen have returned to Kimberley after the occupation of Boshof, Orange Free State. Guns and 70,000 rounds of ammunition were seized, and a strong garrison was left to guard the town. Six Boers were arrested there on charges of treason.

Nearly all the residents were wearing mourning as the Boshof commando lost 200 men at the battle of Belmont.

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## Bloemfontein Well Pleased

**Evidence That Large Proportion of Citizens Were Averse to the War.**

**Roberts and Staff Everywhere Cheered—Effacement of the Republic.**

London, March 15.—The first of the campaign is over. Lord Roberts arrived at Modder river on February 9. He entered Bloemfontein on March 13. Thus, in a little over a month, he has effected the relief of Kimberley and Ladysmith, the capture of Gen. Cronje's forces and the hoisting of the British flag in the capital of the Free State, all this accomplished with comparatively trifling loss. It is small wonder that he is the hero of the hour in England. All the newspapers eulogize him and congratulate the country. They talk of the Free State as having passed out of existence, and as being now one of the shadows of history.

It is not doubted there yet may be heavy fighting, but the genius of Lord Roberts is looked to for victory over all difficulties. His grim reference to the "late" President Steyn is understood to show that there shall be no ambiguity as to the position assumed toward the republic.

The fact that Mr. Fraser, late chairman of the Free State raid, and leader of the opposition to Mr. Steyn, came with the deputation to surrender the keys, is regarded as extremely significant of considerable difference of opinion among the Free States regarding the war. It is said that President Kruger hates Mr. Fraser on account of his sympathy with the Uitlanders. The demonstration of the Bloemfontein inhabitants, is also regarded as a good augury for the future of British supremacy.

It is interesting, in connection with the rapid advance of Lord Roberts, to learn that the Russian military attaché with the Boers who was captured by the British sent the following telegram to the Czar: "I am perfectly amazed at the energy in action and the endurance of the British infantry. I need say no more."

There is still no news as to whether Lord Roberts has captured any rolling stock. If he has not, then he will be obliged to wait until the repairing of the bridges over the Orange river enables him to bring rolling stock up.

The British continue pressing their advance on the Orange river. The Boers still hold Bethulie bridge, on the north side of the stream, but their trenches are dominated by the British artillery. Heavy firing is in progress and there has been some skirmishing.

Lord Kitchener seems to be very successful in reducing the extent of the Dutch rising.

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Bloemfontein dated Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock says: "Major-General Pretorius has been appointed military governor of Bloemfontein. Lord Roberts and his staff have ridden through the town and been everywhere cheered. The British National Anthem is enthusiastically sung by the population; the shops are gladly opening and there is general rejoicing."

Paris, March 15.—The occupation of Bloemfontein caused no surprise here. Most of the papers had predicted the event, and they now express the opinion that the war is about to enter a stage more made than the last. The advanced press is indignant at Great Britain's intention to annex the South African republics.

**BOERS' CAPETOWN FRIENDS.**  
Active in Working for Their Escape—Loyalists Glad to See Transports Away.

Capetown, March 14.—It has just transpired that another plot has been discovered to free the Boer prisoners at Simonstown. The remarkable quantities of watermelons received by the prisoners aroused comment, and an investigation discovered that comprising letters were contained in the melons, the writers planning the escape of the captives.

Great satisfaction is felt here at the fact that the transports with the bulk of the prisoners sail for St. Helena to-night.

**FORTY MILES FROM MAKEFING.**  
Plumer's Force Rapidly Advancing and Good Prospect of Early Relief.

Lobatsi, March 8.—Col. Plumer's force reached here on Tuesday, 6th.

## VANCOUVER'S NEWS BUDGET.

**Provincial Officials Removed—Railway Line Again Clear—Bonding to Yukon.**

From Our Own Correspondent.  
Vancouver, March 14.—Hon. Smith Curtis passed through Vancouver to-day en route to Rossland. He said to a reporter that the complete Martin cabinet would be announced in a few days.

There is a rumor that the Martin government has dismissed some officials here. To-night the statement was confirmed by a provincial official, who refused to give names.

The first through C. P. R. train since the recent heavy snowfalls in the Selkirk, arrived at midnight to-night. The road is now clear.

Copies of the new regulations issued by the United States customs department, allowing Canadian goods to be shipped over American territory into the Yukon free, were received by the Canadian customs here to-day.

The Americans of Dawson City raised \$500 at a Washington's Birthday concert and handed it over to Major Perry of the Mounted Police force as a contribution to the Mansion House fund.

Mr. Kneibbs, the new American consul for Nelson, arrived by to-day's train. He is a veteran of the Philippine war and has been rewarded by the United States government for putting up a noble fight for his country. Mr. Kneibbs said to a reporter that he had been in the Philippines for two years, and that he had seen the Ysolt Packing Company establish an enormous plant there and intend to freeze Sound sockeyes for the world's markets.

**BRITISH IN BUFFALO.**  
Contribute to the Mansion House Fund in Token of Their Love of Country.

Buffalo, March 14.—The committee having in charge the raising of a fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of British soldiers killed in South Africa to-day sent to the Lord Mayor of London a draft for £233, with the following letter:

"We take great pleasure in enclosing herewith a draft for £233 in aid of your fund for the relief of widows and orphans of British soldiers killed in South Africa."

"This subscription is the result of an appeal made to British-born residents of the city of Buffalo, as you will see by the enclosed circular, which was issued. We also enclose a list of the individual subscribers, and are pleased to say it includes subscriptions from American sympathizers."

This contribution is but a small token of the deep loyalty and devotion of the subscribers to our beloved Queen and her Empire, and while the amount is not great it is certainly a heartfelt manifestation of the deep love we bear to the Mother Country, and a token of our hope that her sons who are laying down their lives in South Africa in the cause of freedom and justice."

**SIR WILFRID COMMENDED.**  
Canadian Premier Has Expressed as Truly as Eloquently the New Imperial Patriotism.

London, March 15.—All the morning papers refer to most flattering terms to the speech of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian premier, welcoming the idea of colonial representation in the House of Commons.

The Times says: "The speech would rank high in any assembly as a model of noble eloquence, but it is not its eloquence which will make it live in the annals of the Empire. He has expressed more faithfully and more truly than any other statesman who has yet spoken the temper of the new Imperial patriotism, fostered into self-consciousness by the war."

We look forward to a day, not distant in the life of the nation, when the Boer premier of a South African Dominion shall kindle with a like devotion to the British flag."

London, March 15.—The Daily Chronicle says: "Canada is perhaps, the colony of all others, which will act as the pioneer of Imperial Federation, if ever the Empire should be federated."

The Daily Mail says: "Why should not Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the great leaders of our other colonies have a share in the direction of Imperial affairs?"

The Standard says: "The war has shown that the colonies have won the strongest right to gaining privileges in the Empire by volunteering to assume its burdens."

## Orangemen and Papal Delegate

**Grand Lodge of Ontario West Resent This Innovation At Ottawa.**

**Regarded as Government Atrocities for Manitoba School Law Policy.**

Brazebridge, Ont., March 14.—The Orange Grand Lodge of Ontario was in session here to-day, Grand Master Jermy in the chair. In the course of his address Mr. Jermy said:

"Monsieur Falconio, the papal delegate, who it appears is present with us at the request of some members of the government of Canada, if not indeed the government, marks the subjection of the government's political party to the influence of Rome. The action of the present Dominion government on the Manitoba school question, it appears, had to be followed by some concession to Rome, and thus the Pope was requested to send one who might in future be consulted as to all proposed legislation affecting the Roman Catholic religion. We therefore see the wedge which other nations have struggled for centuries to abolish."

"As Orangemen we hold that all creeds and individuals should stand on their own feet, and that the parliament of Canada should legislate for this Dominion, regardless of any particular form of religion, that the principle of equal rights to all and special privileges to none should at all times prevail."

**THE EXCLUSION FROM NOME.**  
American Consul at Vancouver Not Convinced that the Unfriendly Act Was Planned.

Vancouver, March 14.—Edwin Dudley, American consul at this port, says that there is "much ado about nothing" regarding the refusal of the United States government to allow British steamers to call at Nome. "The matter is a part of a port of entry, and foreign ships cannot land at any port where there are no customs officials to handle their manifests. Before Nome can be made a port of entry, the United States must be investigated by the secretary of the treasury department. Some according to official information is only a camp. This year a rush is expected and as soon as practicable government officials will visit Nome, and no doubt make it a port of entry. When British vessels will be allowed to land passengers and freight under the same conditions as they are landed at Skagway, Juneau or St. Michael now."

"Talk of retaliation is ridiculous, there is nothing to retaliate on. There is no change in existing laws. What interested British Columbians should do is to urge the secretary of the treasury to make Nome a port of entry as quickly as possible, so that no unfortunate international incident may arise."

Dr. Jameson was anxious to have a military command in the campaign, but as the leader of the raid he was excluded from the service for reasons, and not welcomed when he arrived at Ladysmith a few days before the investment of the town. His opportunity came when the war was feverish, and he devoted his medical practice and did ten men's work in caring for the fever patients and wounded soldiers.

**DUBLIN CHIVALRY.**  
Lord Mayor Moves to Fittingly Receive the Venerable Sovereign.

Dublin, March 14.—At a meeting of the corporation this afternoon the Lord Mayor moved that an address be presented to the Queen welcoming her to the capital city of her kingdom in Ireland. His speech was frequently interrupted by occupants of the public gallery.

**COL. BANGER'S GOOD FORTUNE.**  
American Officer Presented to the Queen During Inspection at Windsor Castle.

London, March 15.—Yesterday during the inspection by the Queen at Windsor Castle of a battalion of the Grenadier Guards, who are going to the Cape, Col. Banger, of the United States army, and his wife, who were on the parade grounds, were brought to the side of the Queen's carriage and presented to Her Majesty.

**GERMAN PUBLIC MORALS.**  
Berlin, March 14.—The reichstag, after adopting the paragraphs of the Lex Hein dealing with prostitution and men living on unfortified, agreed to-day to strike out the paragraph raising the age of the protection of girls from 16 to 18, and the paragraphs relating to art, literature and the drama.

**JOHANNESBURG INTACT.**  
London, March 14.—A private despatch from Johannesburg dated March 10 has been received in London, contradicting the reports that the mines there are flooded and machinery broken, and says all is well.

**WAR LOAN PASSES.**  
London, March 13.—The war office bill passed its second reading in the House of Commons to-day by a vote of 268 to 21.

**CECIL RHODES ILL.**  
London, March 14.—Cecil Rhodes is suffering from catarrh of the stomach and is unable to sail for England.

## WEST HURON EXPOSURES.

**Endeavor to Shut Them Off For This Season Causes a Row in the Commons.**

Ottawa, March 14.—A bitter debate commenced to-day arising out of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's refusal to permit unopposed notices of motion to be disposed of. Evidently the Premier did not desire Mr. Borden's motion respecting the resumption of the West Huron election enquiry to be reached.

Mr. Foster delivered a slashing speech in which he showed the inconsistency of Sir Wilfrid's position, as last year he had promised the freest inquiry.

Later Messrs. Borden, Davin and others explained the ramifications of the Grit machine in Ontario. Practically the entire day was wasted through Premier Laurier's autocratic demeanor.

**BRITISH EMPIRE LEAGUE.**  
Proposed Naval Reserve Prominently Discussed at Annual Meeting.

Ottawa, March 14.—The British Empire League had a very successful meeting this morning. Leading members on both sides of politics were present. The annual report referred to the importance of increased Imperial naval reserve for defensive purposes, and also advocated the establishment of a Canadian naval reserve in order that Canada should be in a position to meet any emergency.

Col. Denison, the president, in moving the adoption of the report, urged the necessity of a factory being erected for manufacturing uniforms in this country, and also urged that provision be made to enable the Canadian militia to acquire tactical as well as scientific military knowledge. In referring feelingly to the services rendered by brave Canadian lads in South Africa, the president made mention of a monument on Parliament Hill in memory of the dead heroes.

Hon. William Mulock, in seconding the motion, referred to the Pacific cable scheme, contending that its failure now would be a calamity.

Hon. R. R. Dobbell said Canada ought to lead in the formation of an Imperial council sitting in London.

Sir Sandford Fleming advocated state ownership of cables connecting the different colonies.

Mr. Jenkins, M. P., Queensland, assured the meeting that Queensland warmly supported the cable scheme.

Sir Charles Tupper strongly favored a Canadian naval reserve, and said it was due to President Kruger more than anyone else that the British Empire was federated so closely.

Sir Louis Davies said the naval reserve scheme would apply to the Pacific as well as the Atlantic coast.

Prof. Magowan, McGill, Montreal, proposed that a decimal currency be adopted.

**STOWAWAYS FOR AFRICA.**  
Three Members of the Canadian Regulars Desert For the Purpose of Going to War.

Toronto, March 14.—Three members of No. 2 Company, R. C. R., quartered at Stanley Barracks, failed to turn up Monday evening. It is since discovered that they have gone to Halifax with the third contingent, and may go to South Africa. Bugler Stevens, one of the missing men, has been very anxious to go to South Africa since the commencement of the organization of the first contingent. He made an unsuccessful attempt to join, and was tried to find a place with the Mounted Infantry. He was unable to get on that corps too, and also failed to get on the last contingent because no regulars were taken. The other two are Private Pollitt and Private Stephens.

**CANADIAN OFFICER'S ILLNESS.**  
Toronto, March 14.—Dr. Wilkie has received a cablegram stating that his son, Lieut. Wilkie, whom Sir Alfred Milner last week reported dangerously ill, is improving, and his recovery is certain. The trouble is sunstroke.

**WAR LOAN SUBSCRIPTIONS.**  
Montreal, March 14.—Subscriptions received here for the British war loan have been very successful. A total of \$2,000,000 was received through the Bank of Montreal and the remainder through the Merchants' Bank.

**TRANSPORT MONTEREY.**  
Halifax, March 14.—The Monterey, with Strathcona's Horse and a hundred officers and men to take the places of the Canadians killed and wounded of the first contingent, sails on Friday.

**CALLED TO CLEVELAND.**  
Toronto, March 14.—Rev. Morgan Wood, the well-known pastor of the Congregational church, has received a call to Plymouth Congregational church, Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Wood has not yet decided to accept.

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## THE WAR.

Lord Roberts is at Bloemfontein; President Steyn has run away; the local authorities have handed over the keys of the public offices to our commander-in-chief, and the Union Jack flies over the public buildings of the Free State capital. It is worth while mentioning in this connection that the Free State entered into the war without the slightest provocation on our part. Its relations with the Imperial government had been most friendly and there was no reason why it should not have retained its independence for an indefinite period. What it has lost in men, in money and otherwise through the ambition of its president cannot be estimated. The loss of the independence is a real gain.

The effect of the occupation of Bloemfontein will be profound. It is not worth while speculating upon the moral effect, for this is necessarily uncertain, but the military result can be estimated. Being in occupation of this city with an almost uninterrupted line of railway to the south, Roberts will soon have an independent line of communication with his base. It is not stated if he secured any rolling stock at Bloemfontein, so we do not know if he is in a position to work trains over the 121 miles of railway between that town and Norval's Pont, where the enemy was still posted at last accounts; but it certainly will not be very long before rail communication is opened, when it will be no longer necessary to rely upon the long wagon road from the Modder river. It is to be presumed that the enemy took away as much rolling stock as possible. We fancy the submission or dispersion of the enemy in the southern part of the Free State can be only a matter of a few days, when the bridge at Norval's Pont will be repaired and trains can run through direct from Capetown to Bloemfontein.

We ought to have some good news from Mafeking any day now. Col. Plumer was only forty miles away when last heard from and this was nearly a week ago. Col. Peckham, who set out from Kimberley with a relief column, has not been heard from since he started, so far as the public is aware, and he has almost had time enough to reach the beleaguered town. When Mafeking is relieved, we may look for a movement of our troops against the right flank of the retreating enemy by a column sent in from some point near Fourteen Streams. If 10,000 men could be sent into the northern part of the Free State from that point, the operations of Roberts would be materially assisted, and the enemy might find it impossible to retire in force upon Pretoria.

## BREAD VS. A STONE.

A very determined effort is being made by a considerable number of Conservatives to introduce federal lines into the forthcoming political contest. All the large business interests of the province are against such a step, and so are all the most experienced public men. The feeling of these is that in provincial politics there are only two parties, one of them being represented by Mr. Joseph Martin and the other consisting of those who believe in restoring settled conditions and proceeding with the development of the province along tried and proved lines.

The history of this movement is brief but interesting, for it casts light upon its value as a step in the direction of better government. It originated at a convention held after the general election of 1898, and took concrete form last year at the convention held at New Westminster, at which a platform was adopted and a committee was appointed to select a provincial leader, the choice falling upon Mr. Charles Wilson. This convention not only ignored the gentlemen belonging to the Conservative party, who had been conspicuous in local politics previously, but it adopted a platform in some particulars directly opposed to what these gentlemen had contended for. That platform was as incendiary in its way as that of Mr. Joseph Martin. It professed to espouse the cause of labor by declaring for the eight-hour law, and it played to the galleries by proclaiming in favor of the government ownership of railways. Mr. Wilson has taken the field in pursuance of his selection as leader, and presumably the intention of our Conservative friends above referred to is to commit their party in this city to Mr. Wilson's leadership and the New Westminster platform. If not, may we ask, why not? Surely it will not be seriously proposed that a local organization shall set at naught the conclusions reached by what was claimed to be a provincial convention. It will be re-

membered that when the Colonist ventured to say that it would not be bound by the performance at New Westminster, it was told in so many words by the chief spokesman of the party-lines coterie in this city that it had no business to advocate views not laid down by the party. We fancy, therefore, that the first thing for the party lines people to do is to let the voters know where they stand in regard to Mr. Wilson and the New Westminster platform. The Colonist, like the majority of its readers, is opposed to the government ownership of railways, and holds that the penalty clauses must be taken out of the eight-hour law, and it would like to understand if, in case it may be asked by and bye to support the nominees of a Conservative convention, it is understood that in so doing it must swallow the government ownership business and stand up for the eight-hour law in its entirety. It would like also to know if it will be expected to accept Mr. Charles Wilson as its political leader. We fancy that there are a great many people in Victoria, who normally are disposed to support Conservative candidates, who would like some information on these very important points. Let this aspect of the case be fairly met. Let us know whether we are expected to oppose Mr. Martin's platform or only Mr. Martin. And also let us know if we are expected to fight for Mr. Wilson, the eight-hour law and government ownership of railways.

Without pledging itself as to what course it will follow in the event of a decision by the majority of the Victoria Conservatives to appeal to the voters on federal issues, for this is what "party lines" means, unless the movement is simply a scheme to get a certain set of individuals in power, the Colonist once more declares its settled conviction to be that the introduction of those issues into the local arena is an error of the gravest kind. British Columbia needs a policy which will keep its public credit at the highest point, which will render the province attractive to capital, which will make it the home of industrious and contented workmen, which will lead to its rapid development, and it is offered instead a test of strength between federal parties. It asks that the mischievous legislation of the year 1890 shall be altered, and it is told that the only really serious thing to be considered is how the Conservative party can get control of the local legislature. It asks for settled conditions under which progress will be possible, and it is offered partizan strife. The majority of its population stand ready to sink all differences in a united attempt to stem a growing tide of disaster, and they are told to contemplate what a glorious thing it will be when British Columbia has a Conservative government. If ever there was a case when the people asked for bread and were given a stone, this is one.

We trust that wise counsels will prevail at the meeting to-morrow night, and that those present will be able to see that their first duty now is to act as British Columbians and not as Conservatives. A gentleman prominent in election work said yesterday to the Colonist that personally he was opposed to the party-lines movement, but he added: "What are we to do?" The question is a fair one, and if we had no answer to give to it we would withdraw any opposition to the movement in question. Our answer is that the Conservatives in Victoria should realize that they and the greater part of the remainder of the citizens are face to face with a common danger, and that they ought to seek to discover if means cannot be found to unite in a solid phalanx all who believe the advent to power of Mr. Martin and the adoption of his platform will mean evil to British Columbia. Let them as a political organization, declare in favor of a popular movement for the nomination of candidates on a broad British Columbia platform. If they do so, if they thus put patriotism above party, they will do more to ensure the triumph of Conservatism in its legitimate field than anything that can be suggested. The one thing that stands in the way of perfect harmony of action among all the true friends of British Columbia in Victoria is the proposed party-lines movement. It has been suggested to the Colonist that it should withdraw its opposition and wait upon the action of the meeting to-morrow night; but the Colonist does not so understand its duty to its party and its country. It proposes to contend for what it believes is right, to leave no effort untried to prevent its party from committing what it is satisfied will be a grave political error and may prove fraught with great evil to the province. The notion seems uppermost in some minds that the Conservatives have only to say that they want to control the province as a party to secure such control, and that the overwhelming defeat of Mr. Martin will follow as a matter of course. In reply we give a word of warning, and it is that all that can be done by a union of all opposing interests may not be sufficient to rid us of Martinism. Do not make the irremediable blunder of underestimating the strength of your adversary.

## GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF RAILWAYS.

Among the questions occupying the attention of the people of British Columbia at the present time, none is of more gravity than the proposed government ownership of railways. We have already pointed out that the adoption of such a policy will have the immediate tendency of lowering the credit of the province. Once the policy of government construction has been begun, a potential liability of incalculable magnitude will have been assumed. No part of the world needs railways more than British Columbia. Speaking

broadly, the mileage now claimed to be immediately necessary is at least 2,000 miles, and this would involve the outlay of more than \$50,000,000, which this province would have to borrow, and the interest upon which it would have to guarantee. It is utterly preposterous to suppose that British Columbia can carry any such burden; but if the government ownership plan is adopted, either this must be done or many districts must wait indefinitely for needed lines.

If we adopt the principle of government ownership, we will cut the province off from any hope of receiving federal assistance for railways, for a certain degree of governmental control will accompany all federal bounties hereafter, and federal control of a railway owned by the province would be an absurd and anomalous condition of things.

The government management of railways would be attended with difficulties of a very grave nature. A writer in one of the London financial papers claims that one reason why British Columbia might well take up government construction and ownership of railways is that the operation of these lines will be attended with a deficit for some years, and this can be met by taxation. This particular writer argues for a government railway from Ashcroft to Quesnel, which is one that would be urged for immediate consideration if the general policy were adopted. Do the people wish to pay taxes to meet such deficits?

The case of New Zealand is constantly cited as one showing the advantage of government ownership. We fear that those people who eternally bring New Zealand as an example in matters of economic policy conveniently shut their eyes to many things. They do not think it worth while to mention that all the New Zealand railways are owned by the government, that the New Zealand government has command of all the means of raising a revenue or that the result of the New Zealand experiments has been that invested capital is being withdrawn from that colony as rapidly as its owners can realize upon their investments.

British Columbia needs railways, and government aid is requisite to secure them rapidly enough to meet the demands of the growing population and to open the riches of the province to the world. But with the railways there must be something else. The case of the Columbian & Western is familiar to all. The Canadian Pacific built this line; but did not stop at building it. It proceeded to develop traffic for the line by constructing spurs to mines and purchasing and erecting smelters. Moreover, the capitalists connected with the railway have done much to open the mines and render them attractive to investors. A railway to be of value must be something more than a track with rolling stock on it. Hand in hand with these must go the investment of capital. The powerful influence of the railway company must be exerted to develop business. This would be next to impossible under government ownership. There are other reasons why the proposed policy is undesirable.

We see that the Bank of British Columbia have headed the subscription list of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, left at their office, with a contribution of \$500. We trust that the public of Victoria will not lose sight of this fund, but that contributions will be as numerous and generous as possible. Subscription lists are to be found at any of the banks in the city.

By the way, every one seems to have forgotten that the provincial Liberal executive has declared against party lines. How can one party run an election on party lines?

Speaking in parliament in 1887, Sir Charles Tupper said: "Whether Liberals or Conservatives are in power, I would deplore in the strongest manner any attempt in this country by any government, I care not who they are or whom they may be composed of, to construct another government railway."

We congratulate Mr. McPhillips upon seeing new light in regard to government ownership of railways. May we imagine if he, too, is to be reckoned among the protestants against the New Westminster platform, for questioning which he was disposed last fall to read the Colonist and any and everybody out of the Conservative party?

The Times says: "The Lieutenant-Governor is surely well advised in these critical times. What with his regular ministers, the self-constituted committee on business government which waited on him yesterday and the timely advice of the Colonist, he should be able to steer a constitutional course." And don't you think, neighbor, that if the Lieutenant-Governor had taken the advice of the Colonist he would have saved himself a heap of trouble?

When a boy turns his bulging pocket inside out we marvel at the quantity and variety of articles he has stowed away. Old lengths of string, marbles, a horse-chestnut, a top, brass nails, hickory-nuts, an apple, and many more articles are garnered by this snapper up of unconsidered trifles. We think the collected and hoarded on the boy's pocket. And it is. But do we ever think of the variety and miscellany of the substances we put into the pocket of our stomach? There's the apple and the nuts, and things besides quite as valuable as brass nails and with no more food value than so many marbles. And yet we wonder that the stomach "gives out." When the stomach breaks down under the strain of careless eating and irregular meals it can be perfectly and permanently restored to health and strength by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. The action of this medicine on the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition is so marked, that relief from disease is at once experienced, and the headache, liver "troubles," kidney disorders, skin eruptions and other symptoms of a diseased stomach are quickly cured. Whenever the use of a laxative medicine is indicated, use Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They act in harmony with the "digestive" and assist its action by purging the bowels of foul accumulations.

## Letters to The Editor.

## PARTY GOVERNMENT.

Sir: In my letter appearing yesterday there were a few typographical errors, but perhaps hardly necessary to correct. "Mr. Coteau" is to be read instead of "Mr. Currie" where same appears. I would warn all those who seek to preserve an Island party that it will be productive of great harm and injury to the interests of the Island. We must get on broad lines—lines for the province as a whole. To accomplish this I know no better way than division on Conservative and Liberal lines. It is the method of working out responsible government in every one of the provinces of Canada, with the exception so far of New Brunswick and this province, and had we been divided on party lines we would not be face to face with the scandalous situation of today. It is idle to talk of your business government—a government of business men—business men in numbers sufficient will be found in the ranks of either party ready to assist in the government of the country, but it requires other than business men to constitute the parliament and government of the country further it is the people who always choose their representatives; no one can dictate to them. I am absolutely astonished at the hardihood of some people who go about for private ends and preach even now—no party lines—when the deplorable happenings of late—have been the result of the Liberal policy or want of policy. I would much prefer the instalment in office of a Liberal government to the preservation of political conditions as they have been in the past. To deny the benefits of party lines division in provincial politics is to discredit on the other provinces which is absurdity itself—the opposition in the main to party lines is private ambition and private interests. Let us have no more of this disloyal and dishonest policy which provokes the determination of the Liberal party to abandon politics forever or devote his whole energy to eradicate this cancerous growth on a free system of government or which ought to be free. Witness the doings of the Southern Ontario government—the agents, I might say, of the New Vancouver Coal Company—the parliamentary agents of the company—introducing legislation at the mandate of that corporation, that so materially assisted them in getting office. Are the people of British Columbia to be worse than slaves and allow themselves to be governed by such a combination or any force that but registers the private wishes and desires of corporate interests? Surely not. Then let us go to the people bravely and heroically pledged to conserve the people's interests and pledged to a policy of progress and advancement—careful of all vested rights and respecting both capital and labor and making the laws do justice to both—at the same time recognizing that the province has a limit to its power in the way of undertaking or undertakings of magnitude such as railways—these ought to be liberally aided until the time is not yet ripe for the entry upon the construction of railways—it would be a most disastrous policy under present circumstances.

A. E. McPHILLIPS.

## A LIBERAL ON MR. BROWN.

Sir: If Mr. John C. Brown, postmaster of New Westminster, had any sense of decency, or any care for the province, he would abstain from following up his scandalous prominence in the present political situation by political essays and explanations in the newspapers.

It is a public scandal for an official of the Dominion government holding a position of trust, and to whose services the public, which pays him, has a right at all times, to be found acting as the engineer and head centre of every partisan political junket in the lower country, and proclaiming himself the worst of the present intensely and, but characteristic delinquencies, as the great example of self-abnegation who for conscience sake refused to be great.

Under a Liberal government only, I am ashamed to say, are such things possible, and Mr. Brown needs to be astonished if, when a change comes, his official head will be among the first to fall into the basket.

LIBERAL.

## STREET SPRINKLING.

Sir: The mass of mud, which for the last four months has been allowed to accumulate on our streets, has at last taken wings to itself, and is busy destroying the wares of our shopkeepers, mangle, bicyclists, hack-drivers and pedestrians, and is helping to maintain the reputation that Victoria has gained for being the dirtiest city either in winter or in summer on the continent.

The loss involved each season from the number of tourists driven from our doors owing to dust in and about Victoria would pay the cost of sprinkling the whole area covered by the city several times over.

Let us hope that, now the matter is brought before the notice of our new Mayor, some steps will be taken for sprinkling all the main highways, covering the whole distance within the city limits upon a comprehensive plan and on a large scale without delay.

VICTORIAN.

## BRITONS AND BOERS.

Incomprehensible Why Free Americans Should Shout for the Intolerant Slave Drivers.

The following eloquent letter has been addressed from Cleveland, Ohio, by Jas. H. Hollingshead, to the Portland Oregonian:

"The Oregonian has printed the fairest and ablest editorial I have read during the South African war, and given place to the persons who favor either side. It fills me with surprise that persons who hate war should shout for the Boer. It is clear that for years the Boer has been girding for blood-shedding, stirring other states, employing French and German officers, enlisting Irishmen and Europeans in great numbers, spending millions on the latest style of ammunition and guns, while the English were using arguments. The Boers closed the door of peace with the British, then rushed to arms when the British were ready. Why should Americans go wild over the narrowest patriarchal despotism that ever the sun shone on? Why should we hurrah for slavemasters, who make the bloody whip lash on human beings? Why cheer lazy Americans who send their women in droves to work the fields as reekless do their squaws? Why should the Irishman be pro-Boer? His priest and church could not stand a day where the bigoted Boer hold sway. Why the French or German Catholic? They are of the Transvaal he could not breathe; it is the foe of his liberty. Why should the free vote? He could not, in ten years, use a ballot in the Transvaal. Why should Christians? Read Livingstone's 'Africa,' and get the story of deadly hate and opposition of the Boer slave whippers. Why should honest men? The Boer taxed the Uitlanders out of all their property to get guns to fight the Briton. Why should

a humane man? The heathen Bechuana tribe reproach them as being more cruel than the cruel Kafir kings? Why should any civilized man? Are they civilized? What sort of civilization that Americans should make a spread-eagle speech over? You say, 'He is brave.' He is in cover; so were the Moloes in the lava beds. With French and German officers, the best guns and on their own land, with a long start, have not yet captured a fortification, and shown no such brave stuff as met our soldiers under Lee and Stonewall Jackson. The lyrics of feeble poets, the gush of Bourke Crookrams, the burning of Consulates, the German cartoonists, the whimperings of silly Macrums will not avail or avert the doom of the Modoc chief and 'Naldo,' to trekker.

## The Adjourned Meeting

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## SHERIFF'S SALE.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia

Between The Marion Steam Shovel Company, Plaintiff; and The Port George Gold Drilling Company and The Pittsburg & Cariboo Gold Dredging Company, Defendants.

In obedience to a writ of fieri facias issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Yale Registry, at Kamloops, and to me directed in the above-named suit for the sum of \$3,420.76 and \$7.00 for costs of execution, etc., and also interest on \$3,420.76 at six per centum per annum from the 7th day of January, 1890, until payment; besides Sheriff's poundage, officer's fees, and all other legal incidental expenses, I have seized, and unless the said execution debt, interest and costs are sooner paid, will offer for sale by public auction, on Friday, the 16th day of March proximo, at Rich Bar, about four miles below Quesnel, on Fraser River, the following described goods and chattels, or sufficient thereof to satisfy the said execution debt, interest and costs, that is to say:

A complete dredging plant, known as the "Youngs Dredge," and consisting of 1 scow 22x35 feet, 1 scow 16x17 feet, 2 boilers of 50 h.p. each, 1 double steam hoisting engine 8x10, 1 double steam wheel engine 10x12, 1 dynamo with fittings complete, 2,000 lineal feet of assorted steel cable, 650 lineal feet of 2-inch Manila rope, about 600 lbs of bolts, nuts and steam fittings, a full outfit of machinists', blacksmiths' and carpenters' tools, a large quantity of tools and appliances used in operating the dredge, and other articles too numerous to mention; also a set of steam hoisting engines now stored at Quesnel; also 6 Dredging Leaseholds, each comprising 5 miles of the bed of Fraser River, commencing at a point on said river about 5 miles above the mouth of Cottonwood River and extending thence up stream a distance of thirty miles.

JOHN STEVENSON,  
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February 6th, 1900.

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210 Tray Cloths, Toilet Covers, Sideboard Runners, etc., regular 25c. to 40c. Friday, 15 cents

A lot of Fringed Napkins and Tray Cloths, various qualities, . 5cts. each

We want to clear up the stock and get rid of all odd pieces. See windows for this bargain in Linens.

50 Reversible Smyrna Hearth Rugs, regular \$2.00 Friday, \$1.50 each.

25 Scotch Brussels Squares,  
3 yards by 3 yards, usual, \$6.00, Friday, \$4.50.  
3 " 4 " " 10.50, " 8.00.  
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3 yards by 3 yards, usual, \$4.75, Friday, \$2.75.  
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200 more Sample Wool Yard Squares,  
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LINOLEUM, 4 yards wide.  
"A" quality, regular \$1.25, Friday, 90c. sq. yd.  
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By Mr. Napier Dennison.

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Thursday, Mar. 15.	Friday, Mar. 16.
Time.	Time.
4:30 a.m.	4:40 a.m.
5:40 a.m.	5:50 a.m.
6:50 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
8:00 p.m.	8:10 p.m.
9:10 p.m.	9:20 p.m.

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Council Meeting.—A meeting of the council of the British Columbia board of trade has been called for 8 o'clock on Friday evening.

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Judgment Upheld.—The crown's appeal from the judgment of Mr. Justice Drake in reference to the succession duty on the Todd estate was yesterday dismissed by the full court. By this decision the duty is to be paid on a sliding scale, thus saving several thousand dollars to the estate.

Out Early. There are few cities that have springing cars out in mid-winter. Victoria is an exception, the cars being ordered out yesterday as soon as the dust commenced to fly.

Just arrived, a consignment of new monuments, headstones and tablets, finished as only skill and experience can do it. Can have their order filled to their entire satisfaction at popular prices if placed with J. E. Phillips, 76 View st.

St. John's Church.—At the third of the series of Lenton organ recitals to be given on Sunday evening next, Mr. Longfield will be assisted by the following vocalists: Mrs. Anderson, Miss Schl, and Dr. Robertson and solo flutist, Mr. Fred W. Morse.

Few men are foolish enough to tell the readers of a great family journal untruths about their goods. If they do they are soon found out. "HONDT" Ceylon Tea is as represented—therefore keep it always before you.

For a good drink try Pacific beer.

To Settle Bridge Suits.—Voting on the day-law to raise the sum of \$200,000 to settle claims against the city for damages arising out of the Point Ellice bridge accident, will be held to-morrow at the public market building, Cormorant street, for the North, South and Central Wards. The poll will be kept open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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Set Aside.—Judgment was given by Mr. Justice Martin yesterday setting aside the order for the service of a writ outside the jurisdiction, in Tate vs. Hennessy.

Why Unacknowledged.—The soldiers' comforts association acknowledge the receipts of ten pairs of home-knit socks contributed by Mrs. R. Maynard and Mrs. Hammett-Smith. They were not acknowledged earlier because the names of the donors did not accompany them.

K. of P.—A special convention of Victoria Lodge, No. 17, Knights of Pythias, will be held this evening at 7 o'clock. Two candidates will be initiated, after which the lodge will hold a dance.

The Messiah.—The dates for the production of the Messiah have been definitely fixed for Saturday and Monday, 21 and 23 April. As there is a good deal of practice work yet to be done the members of the orchestra and chorus met to-night and on Tuesday at the city hall.

Where is Christie?—Duncan Christie, of Cleveland, Ohio, is inquiring through Supt. Langley, of the whereabouts of his brother, William Christie, who left his home near Ottawa for the West five years ago. Any information as to his whereabouts should be sent to Chief Langley without delay.

The Police Court.—In the police court yesterday morning before Magistrate Hall, J. W. Lawrence, charged with driving over Rock Bay bridge at a pace faster than a walk was fined \$5 or in default five days' imprisonment. Achilles Medina, a youth charged with vagrancy was remanded until Friday next.

Still Arguing.—The coal mines regulation arbitrators were in session again yesterday. Mr. Cassidy continuing his argument on the evidence. He will conclude this morning and be followed by Mr. Belyea, who took up the case for the proprietors. The retirement from office of Mr. Henderson.

Quietly Celebrated.—As is the general rule when the unexpected happens, there was no noisy celebration yesterday when the news came that the British flag was flying over Bloemfontein. It was pleasant news, nevertheless to Victorians and the Union Jack was soon flying from many flagstaffs, while everybody had a pleased look.

Anti-Vaccination.—In Zion Tabernacle last evening Mr. A. N. Simmons, Zion elder at Vancouver, told of the opposition that had been brought to bear against vaccination at Vancouver and how it was found that the law made it compulsory. The meeting last evening therefore decided to urge for the repeal of the compulsory feature of the act.

Good Specialties.—The musical farce comedy "Who is Who?" is just an excuse for introducing a vaudeville variety in the opera houses. It is not a bad variety show, there being several good fun-makers in the company, and a bevy of pretty girls, who sing and dance well. The "gags" were new and numerous, and the songs were catchy. The audience at the Victoria last evening was a rather small one.

Mock Parliament.—An interesting meeting of the mock parliament in connection with the Centennial Methodist church was held last evening. The debate being on the question as to whether the system of government control of the liquor traffic should be introduced here. The affirmative won. The half yearly election resulted in Mr. J. H. Lawson, Jr. being elected government leader; E. O. S. Scholfield, opposition leader, and H. Cuthbert speaker.

A Heavy Love-Pat.—The patrons of the Lyceum who waited last evening for the star performance of Adie and her lions were disappointed in not seeing the wonderful woman whose fame as a tamer and handler of the king of beasts has become world-wide. In her stead Mr. Hall, her husband and the trainer of the lions, put them through their paces, and left the stage before the audience could be pleased alacrily. Adie, it was explained, had received a love-pat from big Prince during an afternoon rehearsal, and was temporarily out of the business. She expects to be all right this evening; and the management say she will positively appear to-night. The evening perhaps—but then she has confidence in her lions and loves big Prince, even if his caresses are liable some time to prove fatal.

Temperance Meeting.—Tuesday evening the temperance band of hope, of the Fairview Baptist church, gave a well appointed programme to a large audience. Sixty children marched into their places with flags and banners of blue. The white dresses of the girls, and the trim and smart appearance of the youngsters generally evoked considerable applause, but the singing reached in demonstrative plaudits, when Master Eugene Rickdale appeared in a kiki-like uniform, with leggings complete, and the inevitable broad brimmed hat, caught up at the side, a perfect re-enactment of "Badger-Powder" was suggested that Mafeking was really believed. The recitations and dialogues were well rendered; the action songs of the children being especially well received. The pastor, who presided, said that their one object was to teach children the value of temperance, and to avoid the saloon. Great credit is due to Miss Charlotte Spence, the president, for the able manner in which the children have been trained. Several signed the temperance pledge after the entertainment was over.

Cape Nome.—The newspapers are loud in their praise of the above place, and as a money-maker it is no doubt good; low to make money in Victoria is the thing; you can save money by buying your books and stationery from the Victoria news co. 56 Yates street, r. t. williams, manager.



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## The Ships That Come and Go.

Sebastian Bach Reported to be Badly Wrecked En Route to Chemainus for Cargo.

Large Fleet of Lumber Carriers Here or to Arrive—A Monster Freighter Comes In.

Quite a formidable fleet of lumber carriers are now gathering at the big island export shipping point of Chemainus, their number having just been added to by the arrival of the Renee Rickmers to take cargo for the United Kingdom. In addition to the Rickmers, there are at present receiving lumber at the Chemainus mills, the Silo and the Creedmoor, for United Kingdom, and the well-known Wrestler from Melbourne; while the Glenalvon, now at Seattle, will be over in a few days to load for United Kingdom consignees. Coming to the mills, and due to arrive at intervals during the next sixty days, are the Crown Prince and the Peru for United Kingdom; the Drumvir from Melbourne; the Glen Eslin for Australia; the Emilie for United Kingdom; the Lyman D. Foster and the Republic for Melbourne; the Arctura for United Kingdom; the James Drummond for Sydney; the Elbow for Australia; the J. B. Thomas for Adelaide; the Hesper for Melbourne; the Lowwood and the J. B. Brown for South Africa. These will keep the mill busy for some little time, all being due to load between April and July, and their aggregate cargoes totalling more than 25,000,000 feet, which at the ruling export price of \$10 per M. constitutes a very important trade in itself.

## THE DANUBE DEPARTS.

C. D. Co.'s Officers Leave for the Scene of Their Summer Labors.

The steamer Danube, of the G.P.N. fleet, left last night on her regular trip for Northern British Columbia and Alaska ports in command of Capt. H. R. Root, with a larger passenger list than usual, and heavy freightage. She is to call at both Vancouver and Nanaimo, leaving the latter port some time this evening. Among her passengers are Captain Sanborn, of the steamship Columbia, and his party of C. D. Co.'s employees; Mr. Dan Cullen and party, engaged by the Victoria-Yukon Trading Co.; Mrs. Langley, mother of Captain Wallace Langley, of this city; barrister E. Knox Courtney, of Atlin; and Mr. Ned Cornwall, for some time past a member of the Colonist staff.

## VERY SERIOUSLY CRIPPLED.

The Sebastian Bach Still at Honolulu Repairing Extensive Damages.

It will be some time indeed before the well-known bark Sebastian Bach is in a position to fill her contract for lumber from Chemainus for Tientsin—if she ever does. The report that she had put into Honolulu disabled on her return voyage here has been fully confirmed in advice from her master, Captain C. Hansen, to Messrs. R. P. Rickett & Co., Ltd. At the time Captain Hansen wrote from Honolulu, the Sebastian Bach had just arrived there and the surveyors' survey had not yet been made, the master describing her damages, however, as "very serious." The Sebastian Bach had just taken a cargo from Chemainus for Tientsin, and was returning; she was one of the oldest vessels engaged in the lumber carrying trade of the Pacific Coast, having a double-decked wooden bark of 823 tons net register, built in 1868 by J. C. Tickenburg, of Bremerhaven, and being put under the British register in 1870; she was owned by R. H. Bruce & Co., of Hong Kong, and her dimensions were 158.6 ft. by 32.3 ft. by 21.5 ft. She has had an enviable record for immunity from serious mishap during her thirty years' operations under the British flag.

## A MODERN FREIGHTER.

The Big Steamship Hero Arrives to Fill Her Charter for the N. A. T. Co.

One of the largest freighters steamers that has ever visited British Columbia arrived off the outer wharf last evening on her way up to the Union mines, this being the Norwegian steamship Hero, from Kobe, Japan, under charter to the North American Trading and Transportation Company, represented in this city by F. C. Davidge & Co., Ltd. The Hero is probably the best example yet seen in these waters of the most modern type of steam freighter. She was built in October last at Sunderland, England, and has a capacity of 6,200 tons dead weight, with the very latest and most perfect appliances for handling all classes of cargo. Her present charter is for four round trips between this city, Union Bay and Dutch Harbor, the latter port being headquarters for the extensive sealing operations of the chartering company. After calling at Union, the Hero is to return here for a full cargo of horses and supplies, with which she is expected to get away for the North about Monday or Tuesday next.

## SEALERS REPORT CATCHES.

The Indian-Manned Schooners Are Making Profits, But Not the All-Whites Vessels.

The reliable little West Coast freighter Willapa returned at an early hour yesterday morning from Ahousat and intermediate ports, bringing passengers Mr. L. Grant, Dr. C. E. Smith, Mrs. S. E. Warren, Col. Hayes, E. S. Wilkinson, C. E. F. Pascho, W. McDonald and S. L. Wood, the majority of whom are interested, either directly or indirectly in the promising mines of the Coast district. The most interesting items of news brought by the steamer are in connection with the

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work of the sealers now homing to the Coast ports. Of these, Capt. Hughes reports the Ida Etta as at Hesquiat with 106 skins, and the Libbie at Ahousat with 120, the latter having had four canoes and two boats broken in a recent gale off the California coast; she is repairing damages and expected to get to sea in a few days' time. On board the Libbie were a boat and three men lost from the schooner Otto while on the Southern hunting grounds, and waiting to be transferred back to their own vessel at the first opportunity. The Umbria was reported from Clayoquot with 500 skins, while news was received from that vessel that her missing boat crew reported lost by the Mary Taylor consists of an Indian and a Kanaka, but of an Indian boat-puller and two white hunters. The City of San Diego was reported from Clayoquot with 385 skins, the Viva with 300, the Beatrice with 150, the Vera with 610, the Borealis with 60, the Ocean Belle with 500, and the Victoria with 135. The Triumph had just come in at Clayoquot but had not yet reported, and the Walter L. Rich was at Barclay Sound completing her crew, the Saucy Lass having sailed a few days previous.

## A NOTABLE ANNIVERSARY.

Yesterday Marked the Jubilee of the Morrison's Pioneers of Victoria.

Yesterday was a notable day on the Victoria water front, it marking the arrival here fifty years ago of the good ship Norman Morrison, bringing some sixty colonists who were destined to become the pioneers of the greatest city in the West over which Britain's flag flies. Among these was Hon. J. S. Fleming with many others who have played a conspicuous part in the up-building of a colony which is one of the brightest jewels in the British crown. Very few indeed of these sturdy pioneers of half a century ago are now left to note the wondrous changes that the intervening time has produced. They live, however, and will live always as men and women of enterprise and enterprise—the kind of people who are the grandest type of pioneers.

## GOSSIP OF THE WATER FRONT.

News and Notes of a Day Along the Busy Harbor.

The steamer City of Puebla arrived yesterday evening, after a fast trip up from San Francisco. She had about 20 passengers and 150 tons of freight for this city.

Steamer Mystery returned yesterday from Port San Juan, bringing in the catch of the first season of the season to report—Mr. Andrew Bechtel's Mary Taylor.

Advices to Hall, Goepel & Co., yesterday from D. Ross & Hewlett, San Francisco, report the sealing schooner Geneva off Point Reyes with 500 skins.

Steamer Victorian arrives and leaves from the outer wharf this morning.

Steamer City of Seattle went North last evening, calling at Vancouver.

A C.P.R. bulletin yesterday announced the arrival of the New York at 8 a.m. of the White Star liner Oceanic.

The Empress of China arrived at Yokohama on Wednesday from Victoria.

The Wide Tire Act.—In the provincial police court yesterday, Ah-hin, a Chinaman, was fined \$5 for an infraction of the wide-tire act.

To-Night's Meeting.—At one time yesterday it was proposed to postpone for a week the meeting called for the Philharmonic hall this evening at 8 o'clock, in order that longer notice might be given. But later so many persons expressed the desire that the meeting should be held, even if the attendance was not large, that the original intention will be adhered to. It is to be hoped therefore that there may be as many voters present as possible on such short notice in order that a full interchange of views may take place upon the very vital issues now before the people of the province. This will not be a party meeting in any sense of the word. Its only object is to consider what can best be done to secure good government for British Columbia.

Orders Cancelled.—As indicative of the lamentable political situation and as showing its disastrous effects upon the business of the country, a prominent Victoria wholesaler yesterday afternoon stated that upwards of \$3,000 worth of orders from the Kootenay country had been cancelled. "Matters could not be worse," said the gentleman interviewed. "The mines closing down and the general suspension of business in the Kootenay country have brought matters to a climax. Everything is shut down and nobody knows what will happen." The closing down of the Trail smelter, for lack of ore, indicates that the dispute over the eight-hour law in the Kootenays has reached an acute stage; and Coast business men will suffer severely.

## TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

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## New Spring Jackets

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A SPECIAL SHIPMENT of Parisian Novelties in Ladies' Spring Jackets will get first showing this morning. Every garment is resplendent with an EXCLUSIVE BEAUTY of Style, Smart, Elegant Cut, and a distinguished appearance that marks them unmatchable for style, quality and economy in prices.

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## The Veterans To the Front

Strong Team to Be Put in the  
Field by the Victoria La-  
crosse Club.

Last of Series of Basket Ball  
Games to Be Played on  
Saturday.

It only needed last night's enthusiastic meeting of the Victoria veterans of lacrosse, which was held in Harry Morton's parlors, to show that once again the good Canadian game is to be on this season as it has not in the past few years. Indeed the aim of the boys who will again defend the blue and white is to make the 1900 team not only provincial champions, but far and away the strongest playing organization British Columbia has yet seen on the field in the representation of any of the three playing cities.

Although there was a very large attendance last night, a better turnout in fact than has ever been seen at a preliminary meeting, it was decided to postpone the election of officers until the next meeting, at which the committee on rules, etc., will make their report. Delegates will then be appointed also, to represent Victoria at the meeting of the provincial association soon to be called in Vancouver city.

It was Mr. W. E. Ditchburn who had the honor of being chairman over the fifty or more lacrosseists making up last evening's meeting. Aside from Messrs. Morton, Belfrey and C. Cullin form the committee to perfect preliminary arrangements. Mr. H. D. Helmecken, M.P.P., and two or three other gentlemen of prominence who were unable to attend the first meeting of the season, sent their regrets and expressions, while conveying the assurance of their hearty sympathy and good wishes.

It is evident that there will be a larger field for the Victoria of 1900 to conquer than that limited by the boundaries of British Columbia, for even this early an application is in from the Toronto university twelve, asking for a date during the season, which will undoubtedly be arranged to meet the visitors' convenience.

One other thing that will be occasion for congratulation among the lovers of the game—importations will not be necessary to make the twelve as strong as any that has yet been got together in the West, for here are the names of some of the veterans who have already been enrolled: C. L. Cullin, W. H. Clarke, G. Wilson, A. McAfee, A. H. Finlayson, F. E. Smith, E. M. Burns, Leigh Netherby, George Williams, Jack Wolfenden, W. E. Ditchburn, W. H. Cullin, James M. Melish, George D. Tite, James A. Bland, Geo. A. Caldwell, Walter Lorimer, S. Norman, W. Lorimer, K. J. Schofield, C. Blain, R. Dewar, F. E. Cullin, W. A. Stephens, A. E. Belfrey, and never-to-be-overlooked, "Prof." Robert Foster, to make the boys "tend to business."

### WRESTLING.

Weekly Tournament.  
The weekly tournament at the J.B.A.A. will take place this evening.

### THE ROD.

Convenient Train.  
The special train which the E. & N. railway company are putting on for Sunday will leave here at 7 a.m., going only as far as Shawnigan lake. The action of the company is greatly appreciated by sportsmen.

### BASKET BALL.

Last of Series.  
There will be a general practice of the J.B.A.A. basketball team to-morrow night in the J.B.A.A. gymnasium, when the team to play against the Victoria Wests on Saturday night will be chosen. As this is the last game of the cup series all members should make it a point to turn up. The game on Saturday promises to be close and exciting and no doubt there will be a large audience at the Drill hall.

### THE SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Short Session Last Evening—Flags for Ward Schools.

Little outside of routine business was transacted at last evening's meeting of the board of school trustees. There were present the chairman, Trustee Hall, and Trustees Messrs. Gordon Grant, Mrs. M. Grant, Drury and Brown.

A request for supplies from Supt. Taft of Victoria West school was referred to the supply committee with power to act. M. Williams, principal of the Girls' Central school, suggested some small improvements, and the request was referred to the supply committee with power to act.

A communication was received from Mrs. Pope accepting upon behalf of her daughter the appointment conferred upon the latter. Received and filed.

Two applications for position on the teaching staff, having been delayed, were placed on file.

The janitor of the Hillside avenue school asked for an increase in salary. Referred to management committee for report.

The usual report of attendance for the month of February showed an actual average attendance of 2,059.04.

Laura Trimble applied for a position on the teaching staff.

H. Dallas Helmecken wrote informing the board that he had presented to one of the schools a flag for one of the new flag poles, and suggesting that Clive Phillips-Wolley's poem be sold by the teachers.

Trustee McCandless thought it would be unwise to have the teachers sell the poems. This view was supported by Trustee Drury.

Mr. Helmecken will be thanked for his donation and informed that it is considered inadvisable for the teachers to sell poems.

The finance committee recommended the purchase of a typewriter for the secretary's office.

The finance committee further reported recommending the payment of small accounts for the month, amounting to \$233.38. Adopted.

Supt. Eaton submitted a special report exonerating teachers from charges preferred that they were overworking on the matter of stationery supplies. Received and adopted.

J. H. Lawson, for the Burnes estate, offered a lot adjoining the Kingston street school as a playground for \$1,250. Trustee Drury was averse to purchasing the property at this time.

Trustee Brown spoke in favor of buying the lot.

McCandless, laid upon the table for further consideration.

Tenders for flag-poles were referred to the supply committee with power to act.

The question of flags for the different schools coming up, Mrs. M. Grant announced that she would donate a flag for the Victoria West school, which offer was accepted with thanks. Trustee Brown informed the board of Mr. John Percy's donation of a flag, and Mr. Percy was thanked for his kindness. Trustee McCandless donates a flag to the North Ward school and he was duly thanked for the same.

Trustee McCandless' motion giving Miss Watson permission to make collection from pupils taking part in the competitive drill so as to defray the expenses of the piano necessary. Carried.

Chairman Hall's motion asking for better quarters for trustees meetings, as already published in the Colonist, then came up. It was seconded by Trustee McCandless and carried.

The board then went into committee of the whole and the reporters were requested to withdraw.

HOSPITAL DIRECTORS MEET.

Mr. F. B. Pemberton Succeeds Hon. J. Stuart Yates—Business of the Month.

An unusual feature was introduced into the proceedings of the hospital board meeting last evening, by the stout opposition raised by Director Alexander Wilson to certain portions of the house committee's report, which report he had himself presented. This document was finally taken up serially and thus disposed of. To the finance committee was referred (with power to act) a letter received from Mr. Donald Fraser, requesting that the directors give some guarantee that Mrs. Hallert will be cared for for life upon the transfer by her of a certain mortgage of the value of about \$400, she now owing the hospital \$220. The board approved the committee's suggestion that the patient Callahan be sent from the hospital, he being no longer a fit subject for hospital treatment and having repeatedly refused to go to the home at Kadloops. The appointment was also approved of Mr. Oakden to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mr. Robert Dudgeon, this appointment being temporary at a rate of ten dollars per month. The remaining paragraphs of the report were also endorsed in the following order:

"That a workman be engaged at \$1.50 per day to paint the corridor floors; that the hospital furniture be revarnished, work being continued as funds are available; that a dry cell portable electric battery be purchased at a cost of about \$8; that the doctor's application for new baths for the use of the staff be laid over, the old baths being re-enamelled for present use; and

"That the president's report that Hon. Dr. McClellan upon a recent visit to the hospital had made statements reflecting upon the efficient upkeep will be thoroughly investigated upon receipt of specific charges made in writing."

This subject the committee had reported: "We have already made a preliminary investigation without being able to find any cause for the assertion said to have been made by Hon. Dr. McClellan."

In consequence of the recent multiplicity of his official duties, Hon. J. Stuart Yates informed the board by letter that it is no longer possible for him to give due attention to the needs of the hospital as a director. He therefore resigns his directorship while assuring his late colleagues of his continued interest in the prosperity and welfare of the hospital. The resignation was accepted, Mr. F. B. Pemberton being requested to fill the vacancy.

Hospital steward, Robt. Jenkinson, reported the supplies furnished by city tradesmen as of good quality and giving satisfaction; while the resident medical officer, Dr. Hessel, reported for the month of February as follows: Number of patients treated, 103; total days' stay, 1,278; daily average number of patients, 42.30; daily average cost per patient, \$1.40.

The finance committee in an approved report presented accounts to a total of \$1,484.26, and also stated that they had authorized the payment of salaries for February (\$607.30) and of \$37.70 to E. A. Harris and J. E. Church for commission on the collection of old accounts. This committee made special reference to the light bill of \$73.21, which they considered excessive, and suggested the advisability of using lamps of less candle power. They concluded their report with the recommendation that a by-law should be passed providing for the care of money and valuables belonging to the hospital patients.

The meeting of the directors, lasting scarcely an hour, was attended by President H. Dallas Helmecken, and Directors Messrs. Day, Shotbolt, Crisp, Day, Wilson and Forman.

At the Delmonico.—Mr. W. J. Stevenson, of the Delmonico theatre, has secured, for this week only, Prince Takekawa's Royalty Yodda Japanese troupe, eight in number, who are on their way to join the Barnum-Bailey circus at London, Eng., to fill a year's engagement. Having a few days' open time, they will be seen only this week at the Delmonico music hall. Their first appearance on this continent was witnessed last night, and they are pronounced the greatest acrobats and jugglers ever seen in this country. Remember, this week only. Popular prices.

ON THE WAY  
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A Cold Usually Takes the Form of Bronchitis. With Tightness in the Chest and a Painful Cough.—Dr. Chase's Prescription.

The way from the throat to the lungs lies along the bronchial tubes, and it is in this passage that a cold must be checked. If it is not, the lungs are to be saved from inflammation, pneumonia and consumption. Tightness in the chest, soreness, sharp or dull pains, difficult breathing, and a painful cough, are indications that the bronchial tubes are affected. Time only is required to develop lung complications.

Nature's own remedy for bronchial troubles and throat and lung affections is, of course, Dr. Chase's Prescription. These specifics along with half a dozen other ingredients equally simple, and equally efficacious, are so compounded in Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine, as to make the most successful throat and lung cure that is known to-day.

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# The Woman of the House.

Almost every woman at the head of a home meets daily with innumerable little worries in her household affairs. Perhaps they are too small to notice an hour afterwards, but these constant little worries have their effect upon the nervous system.

It is these little worries that make so many women look prematurely old.

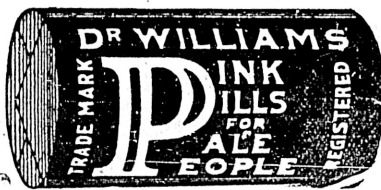
Their effect may be noticeable in other ways, such as sick and nervous headaches, fickle appetite, a feeling of constant weariness, pains in the back and loins, heart palpitation and a pale or sallow complexion. The blood and nerves need attention, and for this purpose

## Dr. Williams' Pink Pills FOR PALE PEOPLE

are woman's best friend. They are particularly adapted as a regulator in diseases peculiar to women. Through the blood and nerves the pills act upon the whole system, bringing brightness to the eye and a glow of health to the cheek. Thousands of wives and mothers have testified to the benefit derived from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

### WOMAN'S AILMENTS.

Mrs. Napoleon Poulois, St. Roche, Que., says: "I am forty-two years of age, and for several years past have suffered from ailments common to women. My blood was poor and watery; I suffered from pains in the limbs and abdomen, and frequently experienced much trouble in walking. My appetite was poor, I had frequent headaches, and sometimes attacks of dizziness. I tried several medicines but found no benefit from them, and almost despaired of regaining my former health. A friend who had been benefited by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People strongly urged me to give them a trial. I did so, and after using a couple of boxes began to feel like a new person. I continued the use of the pills for some weeks longer, when I was as well as ever I had been in my life and able to do my work about the house as though I had never been sick. I look upon Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as a benefactor to humanity, and would strongly urge feeble women to give them a trial."



There are many imitations and substitutes, but these cannot cure and may work further harm. The genuine always have the full name—"Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," on a box like the engraving on the left.

If your dealer does not have them they will be sent post paid at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

### PERSONAL.

J. W. Spencer, of San Francisco, is at the Oriental.

J. H. Turner returned last evening from Vancouver.

L. A. Lewis, of New Westminster, is at the Deland.

J. C. Macleure came down from Vancouver yesterday.

J. A. Sayward and wife returned yesterday from the Sound.

R. Porter was a passenger from Vancouver last evening.

R. L. Brinker returned last evening from a trip through the Interior.

Miss Hughes returned from a trip to California by last night's steamer.

Dr. M. F. Lucas, wife and child, of Dunsmuir, are guests at the Victoria.

The members of the "Who is Who" company were at the Victoria yesterday.

F. J. Wheeler, of the Great Northern, Vancouver, is a guest at the Deland.

Dr. E. O. Smith, of Portland, returned from Alberni yesterday and is at the Victoria.

D. Carmody, of the Victoria-Yukon Trading Company, returned from the Sound yesterday.

W. Robinson and wife, who recently arrived from Australia on their way to England, are at the Oriental.

Dr. Foster, superintendent of the Diamond Head quarantine station, Port Townsend, spent yesterday in the city.

S. A. Brinker, of the United States customs service, was here yesterday waiting for the City of Puebla from San Francisco.

Judge W. M. Colvig, of Oregon, who is representing the Supreme Lodge at the meeting of the Grand Lodge A. O. U. W., is at the Victoria.

Arthur McBride, late warden of the provincial penitentiary at New Westminster, is in the city attending the meeting of the Grand Lodge A. O. U. W.

C. E. McPherson, general Western passenger agent for the C. P. R., George Sommes, of the company's Winnipeg office, and E. J. Coyle, assistant general passenger agent, are at the Deland.

Among the passengers to the North on the Danube last night was E. I. Cornwall, recently a member of the staff of the Colonist. He goes North to accept a situation in connection with the Yukon & White Pass railway construction department.

A. B. Gordon, a well-known young Vancouverite, is at the Imperial.

Mrs. J. S. Gibson, wife of the American consul, with Mrs. and Miss Palmer, of Chemainus, are guests at the Hotel Imperial.

M. J. Carrigan, president of the Port Angeles chamber of commerce, and editor of the Tribune-Times of the city over the Straits, is registered at the Imperial.

APOL & STEEL'S PILLS

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Order of all Chemists, or post free for \$1.50 to EVANS & SONS, LTD., Victoria, B.C.

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### GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, March 9.—A Liberal association was formed at a meeting of Grand Forks Liberals held last evening, when a resolution was adopted urging Hewitt Boscock, M.P., to press for the Kettle River allway charter. Officers were elected as follows: R. A. Dickson, president; Fred. Wollaston and Dr. Lambert, first and second vice-presidents; L. P. Eckstein, secretary; Hugh Sweeney, treasurer; executive committee, P. T. Callum, A. Waugh, G. T. Park, J. Hill and Jos. Hill.

W. A. Williams, assistant superintendent of the Grand Forks smelter, has just returned from Phoenix, where he went to make an inspection of the Kaob Hill, Old Ironsides mines, and the Victoria and Aetna properties, with a view to classifying the various ore shutes, preparatory to the commencement of shipments to the smelter.

He is in different parts of these properties varies from a heavy sulphide ore to one strongly impregnated with lime, and it is desired to have the different levels determined so any kind of ore that may be required may be gotten out at short notice.

E. W. Holland, secretary of the Grand Forks Townsite Co., has awarded a contract for the erection of six cottages to cost \$10,000.

### BEECHER'S BROTHER.

Elmira, N. Y., March 14.—Rev. Thos. K. Beecher, a brother of the late Henry Ward Beecher, died to-day. He was born in Litchfield, Conn., in 1824.

### GREAT DAY FOR IRELAND.

Quebec, March 14.—St. George and St. Andrew's societies have unanimously decided to honor St. Patrick's Day by wearing the Shamrock on that day.

### CENTURY FUND GROWS.

Toronto, March 14.—The Presbyterian century fund has reached the half million mark.

### PIANO MAN'S FAILURE.

Montreal, March 14.—F. G. Foisy, piano manufacturer, failed to-day, with liabilities of \$75,000.

### THE BOER THREAT.

New York, March 14.—In the World to-morrow Monday White will say that the Boers will blow up Johannesburg to protect Pretoria. The city, he says, will be razed to the ground, and though the sacrifice will be \$150,000,000 it is a necessary measure.

### ITALIAN FIREBUG.

Newark, N. J., March 14.—Search for the bodies of the victims of the fire was completed to-day, without finding any more bodies, however. Vito Crestenzo, the suspect, was arraigned and remanded until Friday next.

When taken at the proper time a little Jesse Moore "AA" whiskey will prove a cold.

Vote for Loan By-Law to-morrow, and pay Bridge Accident Claims without extra taxation.

### INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENT.

The methods by which the English intelligence department obtains the information which is as the breath to its nostrils, the main object indeed of its existence cannot and naturally ought not, to be publicly made known. But it may be taken as certain that they are for the most part open and available. In the first place any system of espionage is abhorrent to our spirit and traditions, and even if heresy and corruption were considered necessary, there are no funds easily available for the payment of secret agents, and the purchase of news and facts underhand. The intelligence department has never been allowed to dip into the funds appropriated for secret service, and failing them there is no money to be had; every item of military expenditure is much too closely watched, both by antecedent estimate and subsequent audit, to leave any loophole for the appropriation of a single farthing to any purpose not distinctly and specifically stated. It may be argued that there are no very portentous secrets closely guarded against inquiry even by the most jealous of military hierarchies; this was the one fact publicly proved at the Dreyfus trial—the alleged leakage was not of serious consequence.

Most things in the nature of very new inventions and warlike appliances become public property sooner or later, for the scientific mind works commonly in the same direction, and, as we have often seen, great discoveries are made in many different places at much the same time. Of course an expert may come upon the fringe of something he has long suspected, but he can quite evolve, and then gain his lost inspiration by some happy chance. Some time back an eminent inventor and manufacturer of explosives verified the constitution of melinite when it first came in by the adherence of only a few grains of the powder to his finger nail when it was casually and unguardedly shown to him. From this to minute investigation and analysis, with the exact result he needed, was not difficult for the adroit chemist. But had he not succeeded in this way, the discovery would no doubt have been made by some one else.—Major Arthur Griffiths in the Cornhill.

### BRONCHITIS.

Mr. William Davidson, St. Andrews, Que., states: Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine has cured me of bronchitis, have, without success, tried many remedies for the past six years. Last winter I had a severe attack and was unable to work. I procured a bottle of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine and am happy to state that the third bottle made me a well man. 25 cents a bottle. Family size 60 cents.

### REDMOND DISGUSTED.

Dublin, March 14.—Mr. William Redmond announces that he will resign the seat in the council as a result of the passage of the resolution to present an

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If you are irregular or troubled with suppression write to MRS. M. A. L. WILSON, Box 684, Bridgeburg, Ont., and she will send you the formula that will relieve the worst case in two to five days. NO PAIN. Therapeutic, but brings brightness and health to anxious women.



## ESQUIMALT-NANAIMO RY

New Time Card to Take Effect Saturday,  
December 2nd.

Leave Victoria Daily	9 00 a.m.
Leave Victoria Saturday	9.00 a.m. and 3.10 p.m.
Arrive Victoria D'y except Sunday	11 45 a.m.
Arrive Victoria Saturday	11.45 a.m. and 6.25 p.m.
Arrive Victoria Sunday	6 20 p.m.

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Have you noticed that one pound of Blue Ribbon Ceylon Tea is equal to a pound and a quarter of any other kind?

## Judgment Against City.

Street Railway Company Not  
Compelled to Operate Cars  
on Saanich Road.

Decision Handed Down by Mr.  
Justice Drake Yesterday  
Afternoon.

Mr. Justice Drake yesterday gave judgment against the city in the action brought by the corporation to compel the British Columbia Electric Railway Co. to operate their cars on the Saanich road. The judgment follows:

"This action is for a declaration that the defendants are bound to operate that portion of their tram line between the northern limits of the city and Hillside avenue, and for damages to Yates for not carrying him over such portion of the road, he suing as a ratepayer. All the facts are agreed upon with the exception of the fact that the operation of this part of the road entailed a loss on the company, and therefore they closed it up to tram traffic. On this point Mr. Justice gave evidence which was uncontroverted.

The present defendants are successors to the original promoters, who made an agreement with the corporation on 20th November, 1888. These gentlemen were incorporated as a joint stock company with limited liability, under the style of National Electric Tramway & Lighting Company.

In 1890 the company obtained a charter from the provincial legislature authorizing them to construct tramways connecting certain of the country districts with the tram system of Victoria, and in pursuance of these powers they constructed a tramway from the then existing termination of their line on Douglas street, on the northern boundary of the city, along Saanich road towards North Saanich. This line was only continued a short distance to a point at the junction of the Saanich road and Tolmie avenue, and traffic on portion of this road was discontinued on the 25th of April, 1898.

At the time the agreement before referred to was made between the promoters and the corporation, the northern limits of the city extended to a point on Douglas street which is parallel with the southerly boundary of lot 8 on the easterly side of said street.

On 23rd April, 1892, the territorial limits of the city were extended and included portion of the Saanich road, on which the company had laid their track in pursuance of their above mentioned charter.

On 20th December, 1893, the corporation passed a by-law renouncing the portion of Saanich road so included as Douglas street extension.

On the 6th of April, 1894, the company obtained a private act, cap. 63, for the consolidation and confirmation of their rights, powers and privileges, and to change the name of the company to that of the Victoria Electric Railway & Lighting Company, Limited.

The first section of that act ratifies the agreement of 20th November, 1888, and the corporation and company are thereby empowered to do whatever is necessary to give effect to the substance and intention of the provisions of the agreement; and they are respectively declared to have had power to do all acts necessary to give effect to the same, and the obligations created thereby; and that clause 4 of the Street By-Law, 1888, shall be binding on the company so long as they shall operate the said tramway, or so long as they shall exercise any of the powers or privileges of the company referred to in the agreement and by-law. Stopping here it is obvious that doubts existed as to the validity of the agreement, either on the ground that the corporation or promoters had no power to make it, or that some of the provisions were possibly ultra vires. If this view is correct, all that this clause does is to confirm the agreement, not extend or make a new one, or impose any other conditions or stipulations than such as are found in the act.

The latter part of the section merely makes the agreement operative so long as the company are exercising their powers. The point taken by the corporation is that the company by this act and agreement are not permitted to abandon any portion of their line within the present city limits when once laid down and operated, but are bound to run cars at intervals of not more than thirty minutes under section 22 of the agreement. And that the schedule mentioned in the agreement, "Douglas street to northern boundary of city limits," by the fact that at the time this act was passed the boundary had been extended so as to include the portion of the tramway which had been constructed outside the city limits must be held to cover this additional portion of the line. In other words, that the agreement must be read so as to include the extended limits within its operation.

An act of parliament must be construed like any other document. The question at once arises, what was the contract the promoters and the company entered into? That contract was limited to the northern boundary of the city, as it existed in November, 1888, and the stipulations of the agreement only refer to tram lines laid down within the limits and over the streets mentioned in the schedule. The act of 1894 nowhere extends those limits or makes any alteration in the terms and conditions of the agreement. On this point, therefore, my judgment must be against the view put forward by the corporation.

Mr. Taylor's contention because at the time the agreement was confirmed,

the city limits had been extended the confirmation must by implication alter and vary the agreement is not tenable. The agreement when made was within the powers of the contracting parties, and there is nothing in the act which either limits or extends the agreement as to the company rights to construct tram lines over the streets mentioned as they then existed.

And the further contention that when once a tram line has been constructed it must be operated for all time, and section 22 of the agreement is relied on. The agreement to construct and operate the tram line is merely permissive. No exclusive privilege is granted, the corporation have inserted clauses that in the event of the public to govern the line and its operation. The promoters may construct lines over any or all the streets mentioned in the schedule, but they are not compelled to; but the corporation now say, once you have constructed any portion of your line, even though it was made under a charter of the provincial government, and not under your contract with us, we will not allow you to close it again. There is no such condition in the agreement or in the charter. The corporation rely on clause 22 of the agreement, and the true meaning of that section, if it could be extended to the line in question, is that while the company are operating their line they must operate it according to that section. The construction contended for would be most unreasonable. It was held by A. L. Smith, L. J., in Darlington Local Board vs. London & N. W. Ry. (1894), 2 Q. B., at p. 709, "If an act is enabling so as to impose no obligation to make a railway it imposes no obligation to maintain;" and at p. 712, "If the legislature was imposing the novel obligations upon a railway company to maintain its works for some period, some apt words would certainly be found in the act imposing the obligation, and yet the act is altogether silent upon the subject, though other words are now said to have that meaning and are pressed into the service to do duty for these which cannot be found." This language is very applicable to the present case. There is nothing to prevent the company, after it has laid a track down, to remove it for reasons satisfactory to themselves, if they find it is inexpedient to continue to operate any particular portion of the line, and the language used in clause 22 does not impose on the company any bar in this direction.

I have not referred to the points raised by the defendants, that under no circumstances can Yates maintain this action, his position of a ratepayer not giving him any locus standi to enforce a contractual obligation entered into between the company and the corporation, because in my view the plaintiffs have failed in their action, which must be dismissed with costs.

M. W. TYRWHITT DRAKE.  
Messrs. Taylor, city barrister, and Mason & Bradburn, city solicitors, appeared for the city, and Mr. A. E. McPhillips for the company.

For any case of nervousness, sleeplessness, weak stomach, indigestion, dyspepsia, try Carter's Little Nerve Pills. Relief is sure. The only nerve medicine for the price in market.

ASVOGEL KOP.

To the Editor of the Colonist:  
Sir: The display of British hunting today in Government street and all over the city in honor of Gen. Roberts' forces capturing the capital of the Free States, Bloemfontein, and which gratifies the hearts of British subjects, recalls to me most vividly many incidents of my travels through the Orange Free State thirty years, and it may not be uninteresting to the Colonist readers to know the interpretation of "Asvogel Kop," where our brave troops were only a few days ago. Asvogel Kop in our language means Eagle Hill, and derives its name owing to the immense colony of vultures at its summit. It is almost perpendicular and several thousand feet in altitude, with an overhanging ledge, the home of the carlin of the desert.

During the "diamond rush" in 1890 to Kimberley, many diamond seekers trekked past Asvogel Kop, and one daring Englishman ventured to ascend to the summit and bring down an eagle's nest. He was successful in climbing to the ledge after immense exertions, but his limbs were weak and he fell. The vultures attacked him in numbers, and he was torn to pieces. I remember well trekking thirty years ago through the Orange Free State on my way down from Kimberley to Port Elizabeth, with ox wagons, sixteen oxen to a span. The loss of an ox was an extraordinary occurrence, and when too weak to trek he was unhooked and a spare ox substituted, after cutting the throat of the weak ox, and leaving him on the veldt to die.

Scarcely had the wagon proceeded a hundred yards, on looking back one would see these large white vultures congregated on the prostrate carcass and tearing it to pieces with their powerful beaks, and as you travelled on you could see hundreds of perfect skeletons of trek oxen, bleached white and lying on the barren ground, whose bones had been picked clean by the carlin of the desert.

LOUIS WATSON.

The whiskey that touches the right spot every time is Jesse Moore's; to be had from all first-class dealers.

HAGUE PEACE SCHEMES.

Washington, March 14.—In diplomatic circles here an unpleasant suggestion has been thrown out to the effect that The Hague conference has resulted in complete failure, and that even the limited programme agreed upon is never to be perfected. Up to this moment it is not known officially that a single one of the powers represented in the conference has ratified the three conventions prepared there.

A STRICKEN SALVATIONIST.

Racine, Wis., March 14.—Mrs. Booth-Tucker, of the Salvation Army who was to deliver a lecture in Racine last night, was prostrated on her arrival and unable to fulfil her engagements. Mrs. Booth-Tucker was taken to a private residence and medical aid summoned. It is said that her voice has failed completely.

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CASHMORE'S, 103 Douglas street; buys and exchanges all kinds of books and novels.

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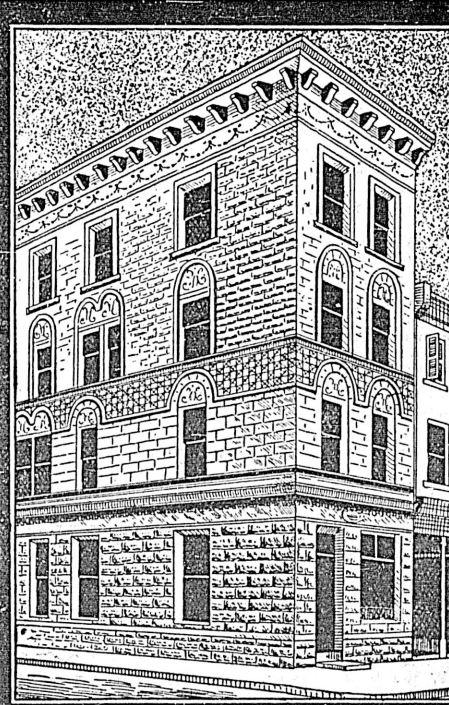
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